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In claim 22, line 1, delete the term "isolation" and insert therefor --extraction--.

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Please cancel claim 12.

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-11 and 13-22 are pending in the application, with claims 21 and 22 being the independent claims. Claim 12 is sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 2, 3, 21 and 22 have been amended to more accurately describe the invention. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding rejection and that it be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 12 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 12 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot.

In view of the cancellation of claim 12, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Other Matters

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-11 and 13-22 are allowable.

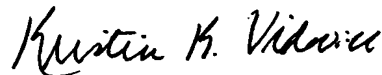
Conclusion

The stated ground of rejection has been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the presently outstanding rejection and that it be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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